

yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 67. The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:01 p.m. and reconvened at 5:02 p.m.

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**Capitol Preservation Commission:** The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Representative Walsh to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1381.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1445–49.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1406, H1407, H1408, and H1408–09. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS; EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL AND RECESSIONS APPROPRIATIONS; REVISED SUBDIVISIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following: Emergency Supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1998; and the Emergency Supplemental and Recessions appropriations for fiscal year 1998.

The Committee also approved revised 302(b) subdivisions for fiscal year 1998.

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Army: John H. Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary (Civil Works); and Lt. Gen. Joe N. Ballard, USA, Commanding General, Corps of Engineers.

### TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Treasury held a hearing on the National Archives and the GSA. Testimony was heard from John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration; and David J. Barram, Acting Administrator, GSA.

### CRITICAL SYSTEMS—YEAR 2000 READINESS

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on Assessing the Year 2000 Readiness of Critical Systems at HUD, Treasury, and Federal Financial Regulatory Agencies. Testimony was heard from John A. Koskinen, Assistant to the President, Chairman, President’s Council on Year 2000 Conversion; and the following officials of the GAO: Joel C. Willemssen, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems; and Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems.

### WIRELESS ENHANCED 911 SERVICES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Wireless Enhanced 911 Services. Testimony was heard from Representative Danner; Ricardo Martinez, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Denis Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; David Bibb, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Real Property, Office of Government Wide Policy, GSA; Hal Daub, Mayor, City of Omaha, Nebraska; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ACT

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held an oversight hearing to review the Federal Employment Compensation Act. Testimony was heard from Diane M. Disney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civilian Personnel Policy, Department of Defense; Larry B. Anderson, Manager, Safety and Workplace Assistance, U.S. Postal Service; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1252, Judicial Reform Act of 1997; H.R. 3528, Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 1998; H.R. 2652, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; and H.R. 2759, Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act of 1997.

### FREEDOM FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION ACT—IMMIGRATION PROVISIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing regarding the immigration provisions of H.R. 2431, Freedom from Religious Persecution Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Paul Virtue, General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; the following officials of the Department of

State: Alan Kreczko, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration; and Nancy Sambaiew, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills; H.R. 3381, Gallatin Land Consolidation Act of 1998; H.R. 2886, Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection Act of 1997; California Spotted Owl Interim Protection Act of 1998; and H.R. 1021 Miles Land Exchange Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Representative Herger; Bob Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Pat Graham, Director, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, State of Montana; and public witnesses.

### REALTY APPRAISAL PROCESS—BLM LAND EXCHANGES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on Realty Appraisal Process on BLM Land Exchanges. Testimony was heard from Pat Shea, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### VISA WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2578, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non-immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General. The rule provides that no amendment to the bill will be in order unless printed in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that after passage of the House bill, it be in order to insert the House-passed language in the Senate bill number. Testimony was heard from Representative Smith of Texas.

### COPYRIGHT TERM EXTENSION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2589, Copyright Term Extension Act. The rule makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the

Judiciary as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and provides that it will be considered as read. The rule provides that no amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute will be in order unless printed in the Congressional Record. The rule waives points of order against the amendment by Mr. Sensenbrenner printed in the Congressional Record, and numbered 1 for failure to comply with clause 7 of rule XVI (prohibiting non-germane amendments). The rule allows the chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Coble and Sensenbrenner.

### EDUCATING CHILDREN—COMPETITIVE TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Technology and the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families of the Committee on Education and the Workforce held a joint oversight hearing on Educating our Children with Technology Skills to Compete in the Next Millennium. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### BUILDING EFFICIENT SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AND EQUITY ACT; WATER RESOURCES SURVEY RESOLUTIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 2400, the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act.

The Committee also approved 4 water resources survey resolutions.

### PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on patient confidentiality. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### REQUIREMENTS PROCESS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on the Requirements Process. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology on S. 314 and H.R. 716, bills to require that the Federal Government procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, and proposed legislation to provide a fair, competitive process for the selection of sources to perform activities of the Federal Government that are not inherently governmental functions, after receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; former Deputy Mayor Skip Stitt, Indianapolis, Indiana; Bryan Logan, Earth Data, International, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors; Lawrence Trammell, Science Applications International Corporation, San Diego, California, on behalf of the Contract Services Association of America; Douglas K. Stevens, Jr., U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Robert M. Tobias, National Treasury Employees Union, and Bobby L. Harnage, Sr., American Federation of Government Employees (AFL-CIO), all of Washington, D.C.; Michael B. Styles, Federal Managers Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Steve Kelman, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

## CYBERCRIME

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the potential problems with cyber banking and protecting the cyber infrastructure while eliminating the potential of economic tampering and espionage, after receiving testimony from Neil J. Gallagher, Deputy Assistant Director, Criminal Division, Larry E. Torrence, Deputy Assistant Director, National Security Division, and Michael A. Vatis, Deputy Assistant Director and Chief, National Infrastructure Protection Center, all of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

## AGRICULTURAL REFORM ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D219)

H.R. 595, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 475 Mulberry Street in Macon, Georgia, as the "William Augustus

Bootle Federal Building and United States Courthouse". Signed March 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-163)

H.R. 3116, to address the Year 2000 computer problems with regard to financial institutions, and to extend examination parity to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the National Credit Union Administration. Signed March 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-164)

S. 347, to designate the Federal building located at 100 Alabama Street NW, in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "Sam Nunn Federal Center". Signed March 20, 1998. (P.L. 105-165)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on tactical aviation modernization, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the situation in the Persian Gulf, 2 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,* to hold hearings on the nomination of Arthur Levitt Jr., of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on the implementation of section 271 of the Telecommunications Act (P.L. 104-104) relating to the application process for local telephone companies desiring to provide long distance service, and on S. 1766, to permit Bell operating companies to provide interstate and intrastate telecommunications services within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, 2:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on general land exchange bills, including S. 890, S. 1109, S. 1468, S. 1469, S. 1510, S. 1683, S. 1719, S. 1752, S. 1807, H.R. 1439, and H.R. 1663, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works,* to continue markup of S. 8, to reauthorize and amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability, and Compensation Act of 1980 (Superfund), 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations,* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings on S. 1413, to provide a framework for consideration by the legislative and executive branches of unilateral economic sanctions, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs,* to resume hearings on S. 712, to provide for a system to classify information in the interests of national security and a system to declassify such information, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights, to hold hearings